

Appl. No. 09/766,295
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Reply to Office Action of November 2, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of November 2, 2005 in which claims 1-6 and 23-34 were rejected. Amendments and new claims are submitted to more clearly define the scope of the claimed invention. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-22 and 35-64 are cancelled without prejudice and claims 23-34 and new claims 65-78 are pending in this application. For the reasons discussed below, applicants submit that the now pending claims 23-34 and 65-78 are in condition for allowance.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

During a February 22, 2006 telephone interview, differences between the present invention and Zereski, Jr. et al (Zereski) U.S. Patent No. 5,654,886 were discussed. Various amendments to more clearly articulate the patentable features of the invention were also discussed. No agreement was reached during the interview.

I. Discussion

New claim 67 is believed patentable over Zereski because it more clearly articulates the what/where aspects of the present invention. Claim 68 requires "receiving a single request from a consumer, wherein the request identifies a specified category from among a plurality of categories and a specified geographic region from among a plurality of geographic regions." Dependant claims 69-76 are believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

New claims 77 and 78 are directed to the contextually-related navigation aspects of the present invention. Claim 71 requires "providing weather-related information to a consumer, wherein the weather related information has a corresponding set of attributes comprising a geographic region, a time period, and a category" and "receiving a request for contextually-related information, wherein the requests comprises input from the consumer specifying a subset of attributes, wherein the subset is less than all of the attributes of the first

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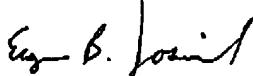
set of attributes." Claim 78 requires "providing a first web page of weather-related information for a geographic area, wherein the weather-related information relates to a first category" and "receiving a request for additional-weather related information, wherein the request specifies only a second category different from the first category" and "retrieving the additional-weather related information using the second category and the geographic area associated with the first web page."

In the present office action claims 23-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zereski. Independent claims 23 and 28 as amended clarify that the rating of each activity for each geographical region is based on a plurality of factors. Dependent claims 24-27, 29-34, and new dependent claims 65-67 are believed patentable for at least these same reasons.

Claims 24-25 and 33 were rejected because the Examiner alleges that the phrase "'may' renders the claims indefinite." Claims 24 and 33 were amended to delete the term "may." Claim 25 was rejected as depending from claim 24.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an amendment, please call 404 815 6626.

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